Standing Committee's views:

Generally speaking while making the selections for the delegates, the Government of India takes into consideration the talent and capabilities of the persons rather than their provincial affiliations. In any case, this subject hardly falls within the purview of the Indian Historical Record Commission, as defined in Section 5 II of its constitution.

(S) Creation of an All India Cadre of Archives Services'

(9) Resolution by Shri F.M.Hassnain

"Resolved that the Central Government may create an All India cadre of Archives Services, in consultation with the State Government and till then all appointments in the National Archives of India be made out of the State Archivists."

Explanatory Note

In the country, we have Indian Administrative Service, Indian Forest Service, Indian Police Service, Indian Audit and Accounts Service etc. but no such cadre on all India basis for Archives. Secondly the National Archives of India usually fills up its vacancies by fresh recruits rather than obtaining the services of experienced archivists from State.

Standing Committee's views

The Resolution aims at improving archival work in the country and is laudable to that extent. But as regards appointments in the National Archives of India, these have to be made according to the Recruitment Rules in force. As per rules, 50% of the Assistant Archivists (Gr.I)/

Archivists/Assistant Directors are recruited in the National Archives of India by open competition through the Union Public Service Commission while 50% of the vacancies are filled by Departmental promotion. The Archivists of the State Governments who fulfil the requisite qualifications are free to apply for the posts, which are always advertised by the Union Public Service Commission in all the leading newspapers. So the latter part of the Resolution should be delated.

(T) Appointment of Director of Archives

(20) Resolution by Shri J.K.Jain

"Resolved that the posts of the Director of Archives both at the Centre as well as in the States be filled-up by those personnels who possess archival qualifications or an experience of holding some responsible post in an archival repository of the country".

Explanatory Note

The archival science as such is quite nascent in our country and is in need of a lot of encouragement and protection at various levels. In the recent past it has been observed, specially in some of the States that the Archives Departments have either been functioning as a subordinate office of the State Secretariat or an Officer is given charge of the Archives Department who has hardly got experience of the field. This State of affairs is obviously a source of concern to all those who have got a love for the profession and would like to see it to flourish in a desired manner. This august body is, therefore, appraised of the fact so that it may voice its concern by adopting the aforesaid resolution.